

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are presently pending and stand rejected. Assignee hereby petitions and requests continued examination.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner during the phone interview of February 13, 2007. During the interview, Assignee noted that U.S. Patent 6,940,904 to Chen ("Chen") was assigned to the Broadcom Corporation, Chen, Cover Sheet, as is the present case, Reel/Frame 014656/0645.

Examiner elaborated on his finding that Chen discloses that "the playing order of the frames after a channel change are output (played) in reverse order to avoid having the user wait for a clean frame (Chen: column 8, lines 1-20) ." Final Office Action. Examiner's reasoning was that in Chen, "After the channel acquisition, an entry picture, a P-picture with the refreshed I-slices at the top of the picture, is first displayed", see Chen, Abstract, and that certain pictures before the entry picture are decoded but not displayed, Chen, Figure 4, step 2. Examiner concludes that the pictures prior to the first entry point picture after channel acquisition are displayed after the first entry point picture is displayed. Examiner also makes reference to col. 8, lines 12-14.

Assignee respectfully disagrees with this conclusion and submits that these pictures are not displayed at all. It is noted that Chen never states that these pictures are displayed, while stating a number of other picture are displayed (Chen, Abstract, "After channel acquisition, an entry picture, a P-picture with the refreshed I-slices at the top of the picture, is first

displayed with all pixels below the refreshed I-slices zeroed (blacked) out. The subsequent P-pictures are displayed with all pixels below their respective refreshed I-slices zeroed out. Once a P-picture has been completely decoded, normal decoding process is started"). As further evidence of this, it is noted that in Chen, "B-pictures 210, 212, 216 and 218 may not be decoded." Chen, Col. 8, Lines 8-9.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would not understand "After channel acquisition, an entry picture, a P-picture with the refreshed I-slices at the top of the picture, is first displayed with all pixels below the refreshed I-slices zeroed (blacked) out. The subsequent P-pictures are displayed with all pixels below their respective refreshed I-slices zeroed out. Once a P-picture has been completely decoded, normal decoding process is started" to teach "displaying the first one or more pictures in reverse from play order".

Accordingly, Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejection to claims 1 and 4, and dependent claims 2, 3, 5, and 6.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner pass this case to issuance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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